COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

THE APPLICATION OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES)
COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO APPLY FOR AN ELECTRIC) CASE NO. 8741
FRANCHISE FROM THE CITIES OF LYNCH,)
BEAVER DAM, CROFTON, MORTONS GAP AND)
WHITE PLAINS, KENTUCKY.)

ORDER

On December 8, 1982, Kentucky Utilities Company filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on an electric franchise from the Cities of Lynch, Beaver Dam, Crofton, Mortons Gap and White Plains, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3) no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

The Commission finds that there is a need and demand for electric service in the Cities of Lynch, Beaver Dam, Crofton, Mortons Gap and White Plains, Kentucky. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the validity of any of the provisions of the franchise offered by said cities or the manner in which any franchise fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED That Kentucky Utilities Company be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on an electric franchise in the Cities of Lynch, Beaver Dam, Crofton, Mortons Gap and White Plains, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Kentucky Utilities Company, if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission a copy of the said franchise.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in said cities.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 13th day of December, 1982.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

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Commissioner

ATTEST: